

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for providing a secure communication network to provide consultations between a client and a consultant comprising:

5 providing to the client via said secure communication network at least one web module;

providing to the client a liability limitation module through the at least one web module, wherein a liability limiting agreement is provided to the client by the liability limitation module;

10 receiving a message from the client via said communication network indicating consent to said agreement;

providing to the client via said communication network a list of consultants from a consultant database module;

15 receiving a message from the client via said communication network indicating a choice of consultants;

receiving a message from the choice of consultants consenting to see the client;

providing to the client and the choice of consultants a secure consultation environment within which a conference occurs.

20 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising issuing a digital certificate to the client after the client has logged on to the communication network.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising providing the client an opportunity to leave a message for the choice of consultants.

25 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising calculating a fee based on service rendered within the secure consultation environment.

5. The method of claim 1, further comprising providing an archival copy of the conference recorded by the archive module.

30 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one web page is accessed by a web-enabled device selected from the group consisting of an individual computer, a mobile computer, a personal digital assistant, a hand-held computer, a web-enabled

television, a web-enabled interactive kiosks, a web-enabled wireless communications device, a mobile web browsers, or a combination thereof.

7. A system for providing a secure communication network to facilitate consultations between a client and a consultant comprising:

- 5                   at least one web module configured to provide at least one web page;
- a certificate module configured to provide a digital certificate to the client once said client contacts the at least one web module;
- a liability limitation module configured to provide a liability limiting agreement to the client via the at least one web module;
- 10               a payment module configured to calculate a fee for services rendered to the client via the at least one web module;
- a consultant database module configured to provide a list of consultants to the client, from which the client selects a consultant of choice via the at least one web module; and
- 15               a consultation module configured to provide a secure communication environment within which the consultant of choice and the client confer via the at least one web module.

8. The system of claim 7, wherein said certificate module issues a digital certificate to the client after the client has logged on to the secure communication network.

9. The system of claim 7, further comprising a source module configured to supply code to support the consultation module.

10. The system of claim 7, further comprising an archive module configured to archive the conference between the client and the consultant.

25           11. The system of claim 7, further comprising an electronic white board module configured to provide communication between the client and the consultant.

12. The system of claim 7, further comprising an electronic note module configured to provide notes between the client and the consultant.

30           13. The system of claim 7, further comprising an internal communication module configured to provide internal communications between parties.

14. The system of claim 7, further comprising a secretarial module configured to provide secretarial services.

15. The system of claim 7, further comprising an electronic mail module configured to provide electronic mail services.

5 16. The system of claim 7, further comprising a language translation module configured to provide language translation services.

17. The system of claim 7, wherein the at least one web page is accessed by a web-enabled device selected from the group consisting of an individual computer, a mobile computer, a personal digital assistant, a hand-held computer, a web-enabled television, a web-enabled interactive kiosks, a web-enabled wireless communications  
10 device, a mobile web browsers, or a combination thereof.